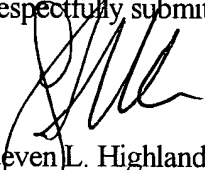


REMARKS

The examiner in charge of the above-captioned application contacted the undersigned and asked that claims 38 and 39 be amended to correct claim dependency errors in a replacement brief. Appellants provide such amendments, along with two other minor wording changes to these claims. Appellants respectfully submit that no new matter or issue results from these amendments, and entry is believed proper. Should Examiner Priebe have any questions regarding this response, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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